



Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been another busy week in school, and I can't believe it is only 2 weeks until the half term holiday. Thank you for all your efforts ensuring the children came dressed in yellow today to celebrate World Mental Health day. We achieved 100% attendance, so all that sunshine yellow paid off!

Next week, Year 3 will start their mini Forest School sessions led by Mr. Radburn. Please make sure you follow his instructions on Class Dojo regarding clothing.

Next Friday the whole of Melbourne Junior School will be rambling in support of BBC Children in Need. If you are available to join us, please let your child's class teacher know. If you are able to sponsor your child, please follow the link to the Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/melbourne-junior-school>

I have noticed that many children are bringing soft toys to school, while we understand that this can be very comforting, we would ask that these are small and kept to a minimum. If your child requires a 'fidget' at school, we will provide these and we ask that you contact your child's teacher to discuss what would be most suitable.

We will be hosting an Open Day for prospective Year 3 parents on 2nd December at 2pm, please contact the office if you would like to attend.

Best wishes,

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Wear yellow



Hello Yellow! As part of World Mental Health day, the children were invited to wear yellow and we talked about why looking after our mental health is important and sometimes it's okay not to be okay.

Halloween disco and pumpkin carving

Children are invited to take part in the pumpkin carving competition, all entries need to be dropped off at school on Monday 20th October.

On Wednesday 22nd October there will be a Halloween disco in school. The Year 3 and 4 children will dance from 3.30 – 4.30pm and then the Year 5 and 6 children will dance from 4.45 – 5.45pm.

PUMPKIN CARVING
2025
PRIZES

It's time for our annual pumphin carving competition. If you would like to enter, please bring your carved Pumphin to school on Monday 20th October.

£1 entry - cash or ParentPay

The logo for Melbourne Junior School, featuring the letters 'MJS' in a stylized font inside a circular border with the school's name around the edge.

School Business Assistant

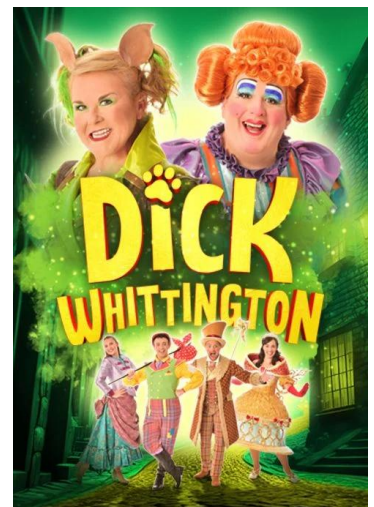
Chloe Knight will be starting work at Melbourne Junior School on Monday working with Mrs Ryley in the school office. Chloe will be working every morning, and we look forward to welcoming her to the MJS team.

Futures week

In the summer term, we are hoping to hold a 'Futures Week' to help inspire our children to think about the purpose of their learning and to be ambitious about their own futures. If you have an interesting job that you think would inspire and engage the children and would be happy to come to school to talk about it, please let Mrs. Ryley in the office know.

Pantomime

We are pleased to let you know that a whole school trip to see the pantomime Dick Whittington has been planned for Tuesday 16th December at Derby Arena. The cost of the trip is £17.90 which includes the theatre ticket and the cost of the coach to get there and back. Please can we request that payment is made as soon as possible as we need to confirm numbers and pay for the theatre tickets in advance. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, the cost of the trip will be covered.



Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (6th -10th October 2025) has been: 95.78%

Congratulations to Deer class for achieving: 98.97%



PTA AGM – Friday 17th October 2.30pm

THE CHILDREN ARE REALLY ENJOYING THE NEW OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT WHICH WAS PAID FOR BY PTA FUNDS. THEY HAVE ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL PIECES...

BUT THERE IS NO MONEY LEFT IN THE POT....

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION

EVERYONE WELCOME



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2025 AT 2:30PM

TO REVIEW THE PAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS, AND VOTE ON ANY CHANGES TO THE PTA'S CONSTITUTION

Harvest Festival collection

Our Harvest Festival collection will be for the Padley Centre again this year. Please can we request that any food donation are brought into school week commencing 20th October 2025 and the collection of all donated food items will be made on Friday 24th October 2025.




Our Harvest Wishlist:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Instant noodles/noodle pots | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned potatoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rice pots | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned tomatoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microwave rice | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown sauce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna snack pots | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned meat meals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned tuna | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned soup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal (up to 700g boxes) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking sauces (jars) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack pot porridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UHT milk | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen roll |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet roll |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custard | <input type="checkbox"/> Washing powder / gel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Eggs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-raising flour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned vegetables
(carrots, peas, sweetcorn) | <input type="checkbox"/> Golden syrup |

There are some items we don't need / cannot accept

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fresh veg | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical products |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bags of Dry Pasta | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tinned lentils and pulses |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bags of Dry Rice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used toiletries |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Household cleaning products | |

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Date	What's On
15 th + 16 th + 17 th October mornings	Rugby coaching for all years from Melbourne Rugby Club
Friday 17 th October	Pudsey Ramble for Children in Need
Monday 20 th October	Flu immunisation in school
Tuesday 21 st October	Parents evening
Wednesday 22 nd October	KS2 Bocca competition Greenbank Leisure Centre
Friday 24 th October	Harvest collection for Padley Centre
27 th – 31 st October	Half-term break
Monday 3 rd November	INSET day
Thursday 6 th November	Parents evening
Monday 10 th November	Mini Soccer tournament John Port Spencer Academy
Monday 17 th November	Sports Hall Athletics Greenback Leisure Centre
Tuesday 2 nd December	2pm – Open afternoon for prospective parents
3 rd – 5 th December 2025	Y6 Lea Green residential trip
Monday 15 th December	Christmas Carol service at Parish Church
Tuesday 16 th December	Dick Whittington pantomime at Derby Arena
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch in school
12 th March 2026	Y4 trip to Nottingham Outdoor Centre
23 rd March 2026	Y3 trip to Creswell Crags